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Dear Child Care Provider,

This letter is in regards to the 2/4/15 compliance check of your Level B, Registered Child Development Home. Iowa Code Chapter 237A and 441 Iowa Administrative Code, Chapter 110, describes specific requirements that must be met by a Registered Child Development Home. The following areas were out of compliance at the time of my visit:

I reviewed the letter you sent to DHS dated 7/29/14 and date stamped 9/24/15 that you stated that you completed missing items from 7/28/14 checklist visit. I found that there are items that are still missing from the files. This is can be grounds to revoke. You are planning to apply as a Category C with Trisha who likes doing paperwork, I would strongly suggest that you have CCRR come into your home and train Trisha on the paperwork required by DHS.

☐ 110.5(1) Conditions in the home are safe, sanitary, and free of hazards.

☐ 110.5(1)j The plans shall clearly map building evacuation routes in case of fire, a safe place indoors in case of tornado, and flood shelter areas. **You need to add an address of where you would meet parents if you have to leave the home.**

☐ 110.5(1)k Fire and tornado drills are practiced monthly and documentation kept.

☐ 110.5(1)n Each smoke detector is tested monthly, and a record is kept for inspection purposes.

You have no documentation of drills and this is what you were written up about last time.

☐ 110.5(1)q All dogs and cats have annual examinations. Records of the exams are on file and must verify that routine immunizations are current and animal is free of endo and ecto parasites. **The last appointment in the record for Gucci was 10/10/13 and you were cited on this last time. You need to have a new physical on the new form.**

☐ 110.5(1)r If not fenced, both in and aboveground pools must have a cover that meets or exceeds ASTM standards when not in use. **I was unable to do a pool check as there was 13-14 inches of snow and the equipment was put away. I also was unable to get to the out building, so in the summer I will be back to look at those areas. Due to the outdoor play area being snow covered, this is just a reminder that when the snow melts and before you send the children out to play in the area, you need to check out the area for any hazards, litter or flammable materials.**

☐ 110.5(2)d An individual file is maintained for each substitute and contains:

☐ 110.5(2)d Certification in infant and child first aid that includes mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. If they are unable to locate first aid training that includes mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, they must complete both a first aid course and CPR. **Bob's file needs a copy and this item from last visit.**

☐ 110.5(8) Children's Files. **You took copies of the form I used when looking at the files. You have a list of the files that need updated. You have 15 out of 27 files that need forms or updates.**

☐ 110.5(8) An individual file is maintained for each child and updated annually or when there are changes. Each file contains:

☐ 110.5(8)a Identifying information including, at a minimum, the child's name, birth date, parent's name, address, telephone number, special needs of the child and the parent's work address and telephone number.

☐ 110.5(8)b Emergency information including where the parent can be reached, the name, street address, city and telephone of the child's regular doctor, and the name number, telephone number, and relationship to the child of another adult available in case of emergency.

☐ 110.5(8)c A signed medical consent from the parent authorizing emergency treatment.

☐ 110.5(8)d For infants and preschoolers: An admission physical examination, on the first day of attendance, including past health history, status of present health, allergies and restrictive conditions, and recommendations for continued care when necessary. The date of the exam is not more than 12 months before the child's first day of attendance.

☐ 110.5(8)d For school-aged children: On the first day of attendance, a statement of health status signed by the parent or legal guardian.

☐ 110.5(8)e For infants and preschoolers: A statement of health signed by a physician submitted annually.

☐ 110.5(8)e For school aged children: An annual statement of health condition signed by the parent or legal guardian, annually from date of admission physical.

☐ 110.5(8)f A list signed by the parent which names persons authorized to pick up the child, their telephone number, and relationship to the child.

☐ 110.5(8)g A signed and dated immunization certificate provided by the state department of public health.

☐ 110.5(8)h For each school-age child, record of a physical exam completed at the time of school enrollment or since.

☐ 110.5(8)i Written permission from the parent(s) for their child to attend activities away from the child development home. It must include times of arrival and departure, destination, and person(s) responsible for the child.

☐ 110.5(8)j Injury report forms to document injuries requiring first aid or medical care.

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Non-compliance with any of the mandated regulatory requirements listed above may lead to the cancellation or revocation of your Child Development Home Registration. **Please take whatever steps are necessary to completely address each of the violations noted above. It is essential you correct all above-mentioned violations within the next 45 days.**

☐ Based on the items out of compliance listed above, you will be required to have a recheck or follow up visit to your home. This visit will occur during summer.

X _____
Signature Date

Please do not hesitate to contact me at DHS if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Glenda Currier

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Always Remember:

Child Care Resource and Referral is an excellent resource for providers to access training options and support in your area. You can contact Child Care Resource and Referral.

For Dubuque County: CCRR 2728 Asbury Rd, Atrium Building, Dubuque, IA 52001

563-557-1628 or 866-296-5331, fax 563-582-5572

Cherie Kennedy: cherie.kennedy@episervice.org Child Care Consultant, CCRR

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Michael McMahon, Fire Marshal: 563/589-4195 mmcmahon@cityofdubuque.org Dubuque Fire Department

For Jackson & Clinton County: CCRR, 240 N Bluff Blvd, Suite 203, Clinton, IA 52732

563-243-5220 or 866-243-5220, Fax: 563-243-7331

Kathy Richmond, krichmond@iacommunityaction.org Child Care Consultant, CCRR

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As you plan your future trainings to meet your 24 hours of training requirement, please remember that you need to use only DHS approved training and only 12 hours can be by self-study. You can access the approved training by going to http://www.dhs.state.ia.us/Consumers/Child_Care/Professional_Development.html and you can sign up for training at <https://ccmis.dhs.state.ia.us/trainingregistry/>

All providers need to maintain compliance with rules set out in Iowa Administrative Code, Chapter 110, which includes: 441 IAC 110.5(1): Check with the appropriate authorities to determine how the following local, state, or federal laws apply to you: • Zoning code • Building code • Fire code • Business license • State and federal income tax • Unemployment insurance • Worker's Compensation • Minimum wage and hour requirements • OSHA • Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).